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**Sheriff Manuel Gonzales III & The Bernalillo County
Sheriff's Office Launch Data-Driven Attack on Commercial
Burglary During State's Mandated Stay At Home Orders**

Albuquerque, NM - In response to the COVID 19 pandemic and the State's mandated stay at home order, a criminal trend surfaced. Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office Community Action Team (CAT) detectives identified a need to help the local community. Commercial burglaries in Albuquerque significantly increased during the month of April 2020. On May 5, 2020, CAT began a community service program which focused on commercial burglaries in the County of Bernalillo and City of Albuquerque. This initiative began with detectives contacting our Crime Analysis Unit to identify crime trends and local hot spot areas. CAT detectives reached out to local business partners to get a pulse on what the community was seeing. All of the data was compiled and a plan was formulated.

"We are committed to collaborating with community members and stakeholders to maintain a partnership in a joint problem solving effort," said **Sheriff Manuel Gonzales III**.

As a result of their hard work and dedication, the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office CAT was able to conduct 30 Tac Plans in the month of May. During this time, several hundred positive contacts were made with the public. Multiple contacts were made with local business owners and property managers to prevent commercial burglaries by criminals taking advantage of the pandemic.